

check of the buyers. It is an object of the present invention to provide a list of credit references of each buyer.

It is an object of the present invention to allow a buyer to request a sample from a seller. It is an object of the present invention to inform a seller if a sample of a product can be provided to a seller and provide information to the seller about the sample and when it will be delivered.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a means for brokers to act as selling agents for companies who do not want to sell to any buyer directly.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a glossary; standard format data on a wide variety of product attributes and an industry – specific search engine.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 illustrates an example of a Request for Quotation flow chart.

Figure 2A and 2B, when joined at match line A-A, illustrates an example of a Request for Quotation flow chart.

Figure 3A and 3B, when joined at match line A-A, illustrates an example of a Request for Quotation flow chart.

Figure 4 illustrates an example of a Request for Quotation flow chart.

Figure 5 illustrates an example of a Sample flow chart.

Figure 6A, 6B and 6C, when joined at match lines A-A and B-B, illustrates an example of a Procurement flow chart.

Figure 7A and 7B, when joined at match line A-A, illustrates an example of a Delivery flow chart.

Figure 8A, 8B and 8C, illustrates an example of a Receiving flow chart.

Detailed Description of the Invention

Figure 1 illustrates an example of a Request for Quotation (RFQ) flow chart where a buyer creates and submits an RFQ. A buyer has a need for a specific product 10. The buyer creates an RFQ form 20. The buyer in the RFQ selects product specifications